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received from several members subscriptions aggregating fifty dollars, which sum was forwarded as a contribution from the Academy to the fund for erecting in Paris a monument to Lamarck.

The numbers of letters requesting information received and answered continues to increase.

The statistics of the correspondence for the year follow:

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Acknowledging receipt of the Academy's publications,	217
Transmitting publications,	65
Requesting exchanges or the supply of deficiencies,	4
Invitations to learned gatherings,	7
Notices of death of scientific men,	8
Circulars concerning the administration of scientific institutions, etc.,	16
Biographies and photographs of correspondents,	4
Miscellaneous letters,	88
Total received,	409

COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED.

Acknowledging gifts to the Library,	1073
Acknowledging gifts to the Museum,	56
Acknowledging photographs and biographies,	3
Requesting the supply of deficiencies in journals,	84
Letters of sympathy or congratulation,	9
Miscellaneous letters,	101
Annual Reports sent to correspondents,	221
Circular letters,	90
Total forwarded,	1637

Respectfully submitted,

J. PERCY MOORE,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The growth of the Library during the past year has been satisfactory, notwithstanding the inconvenience due to the alteration of the premises required by the plans adopted by the Council. The accessions since the first of last December number 7070, an increase on those received last year. There were 5905 pamphlets and parts of periodicals, 973 volumes, 192 maps, photographs and plates.

They were received from the following sources:

Societies, Museums, etc.....	2,505	Geological Survey of Georgia.....	5
I. V. Williamson Fund.....	2,014	Ministry of Works, Mexico.....	5
General Appropriation.....	677	Geological Survey of Portugal.....	5
Editors.....	530	Wisconsin Geological and Natu- ral History Survey.....	5
United States Department of Agriculture.....	336	Victoria Department of Mines.....	5
United States Department of the Interior.....	187	Department of Mines, etc., New South Wales.....	5
Authors.....	148	H. A. Pilsbry.....	4
James Aitken Meigs Fund	139	Publication Committee, Acad- emy.....	4
Geological Survey of Canada.....	47	Department of Agriculture, Jamaica.....	4
Geological Survey of Russia.....	42	Western Australia Geological Survey.....	4
Estate of Angelo Heilprin.....	40	New Jersey Geological Survey.....	4
Wilson Fund.....	30	William J. Fox.....	4
Geological Survey of Japan.....	22	Corps of Mining Engineers of Peru.....	4
United States Department of Commerce and Labor.....	20	Cape of Good Hope, Department of Agriculture.....	4
Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture.....	18	Bureau of American Ethnology..	3
North Carolina Geological Sur- vey.....	17	Superintendent of Documents, Washington.....	3
Department of Agriculture of Netherland India.....	17	Rev. A. Boulou.....	3
Trustees of British Museum.....	15	Department of the Interior, Canada.....	3
Department of the Interior of the Philippines.....	14	Geological Commission, Cape of Good Hope.....	3
Geological Survey of Sweden.....	13	Geological Institute of Mexico.....	3
Ministry of Public Works, France.....	12	Geological Survey of Virginia.....	3
United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.....	11	United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2
International Bureau of Ameri- can Republics.....	11	Library of Congress.....	2
Illinois State Geological Survey....	11	Ministry of Agriculture, Buenos Aires.....	2
Department of Agriculture in India.....	10	Bentham Trustees, Kew Gardens	2
Ministry of Colonization, Bolivia..	9	Danish Government.....	2
United States War Department....	9	Department of Agriculture, Canada.....	2
Commission de la Belgica.....	7	New Zealand Geological Survey....	2
University of Texas Mineral Survey.....	7	William B. Davis.....	2
United States Treasury Depart- ment.....	7	Botanical Survey of India.....	2
United States Bureau of Fish- eries.....	6	Agricultural and Veterinary Faculty of La Plata.....	2
Edward J. Nolan.....	5	Observatoire Central Nicolas.....	2
Geological Survey of India.....	5	Iowa Geological Survey.....	2

M. le Duc de Loubat.....	2	Maryland Geological Survey.....	1
H. Müller, Hanover.....	2	State Geological Survey of North	
Commissioners of Fisheries and		Dakota.....	1
Game, Massachusetts.....	2	Nova Scotia Department of	
Dr. Henry Tucker.....	2	Mines.....	1
Florida State Geological Survey....	2	Kommission zur Wissensch.	
Central Bureau voor de Kennis		Untersuch. der Deutschen	
Provincie, Groningen.....	1	Meere in Kiel.....	1
Genaro Garcia.....	1	Geodetic Survey of South	
Marshall H. Saville and George		Africa.....	1
G. Heye.....	1	Government of India.....	1
L. Kreischer.....	1	Estate of William Ziegler.....	1
Dr. H. C. Chapman.....	1	Stewardson Brown.....	1
William H. Welker.....	1	Department of Geology, etc.,	
Ministry of Works, Peru.....	1	Indiana.....	1
Dr. Joseph Leidy.....	1	Department of Fisheries, New	
Geological Commission of Fin-		South Wales.....	1
land.....	1	Hawaii Promotion Committee.....	1
L. Schützberger.....	1	Trustees Indian Museum.....	1

They were distributed to the several departments of the library as follows:

Journals.....	5,183	Ichthyology.....	28
Geology.....	414	Mammalogy.....	23
Agriculture.....	365	Mineralogy.....	22
Botany.....	231	Helminthology.....	21
Voyages and Travels.....	150	Medicine.....	21
Geography.....	145	Physical Science.....	21
General Natural History.....	99	Bibliography.....	10
Anatomy and Physiology.....	74	Herpetology.....	6
Ornithology.....	73	Encyclopedias.....	2
Entomology.....	68	Mathematics.....	1
Conchology.....	47	Chemistry.....	1
Anthropology.....	42	Unclassified.....	19

Eleven hundred and fifty-three volumes have been bound.

Fourteen volumes and 548 pamphlets dealing with subjects not germane to the objects of the Academy were sent to the Free Library of Philadelphia and, in compliance with the law, 8 duplicate volumes and 74 pamphlets were returned to the Government Printing Office.

At the beginning of the building operations it was necessary to temporarily arrange a part of the library on a section of the entresol floor to make room for the extension of the hall entered from Race Street, as required by the adopted plan of alteration. This change, of course, entailed disadvantages which, it is hoped, will be remedied when the entire library is arranged in the new building on the southern

portion of the lot. With the exception of works of reference (encyclopedias, etc.), and possibly those on general natural history, the entire library is to be arranged in tiers of steel stacks. At present five such tiers are provided for, extending from the ground to near the roof of the rear section of the new building, thus securing increased room which is sadly needed and, it is hoped, safety from fire.

Mrs. James Woods, of Camden, Alabama, has thoughtfully presented to the Academy a collection of seventeen letters written by Isaac Lea, Timothy A. Conrad, Samuel G. Morton, Benjamin Silliman, William Hall and John Finch, from 1829 to 1835, to Judge Charles Tait, of Claiborne, Monroe Co., Alabama, who was the first to develop, with his correspondents, the Claiborne beds, of so much interest in American geology as furnishing the most noted deposits of Eocene shells. The letters contain several items of personal interest and indicate especially the zeal and enthusiasm of a former President of the Academy, Isaac Lea.

Acknowledgment is due William J. Fox, for his efficient assistance to the Librarian and the Publication Committee.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CURATORS.

The erection of the new library, stack, lecture hall and study rooms and the alteration of the old building were begun early in the spring. At the present time the alterations are practically completed, while the new building is nearly ready for the roof.

A handsome entrance hall has been constructed at the Logan Square front, which has been carried through the old lecture room, making a direct communication with the first floor of the Museum. The stairways which formerly connected the floors of the Museum have been removed to the vestibule, and all the rooms have been shut off both from the vestibule and from each other by regulation fire-doors, which greatly increase the safety of the collections.

A fire-proof room has been constructed in the lower part of the old lecture hall, which will be fitted up for the accommodation of the alcoholic collections, where they will be shut off from all other parts of the Museum.

Heat and gas pipes and electric light wires have been installed in the vestibules and entrance hall and a new boiler placed in the engine house.